GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR PRISON BUILDING OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has released Rs. 124 crore to the States from 1987 to March, 2001 for strengthening securities, communication, transport, repair and renovation of old prisons buildings for women;

(b) if so, whether after allocating this amount the desired results have not been achieved in regard to women prisons in the States;

(c) whether the amount allocated to the State Governments has been fully utilized by them for the purpose for which it was sanctioned;

(d) whether the Government propose to allocate more funds to States for improvement in the living condition of prisoners;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (f): Under the scheme of the Modernisation of Prisons Administration financial assistance of Rs. 124.81 crore was provided to the State Governments to supplement their efforts to improve the condition of prisons and prisoners for components consisting of security, communication and transport, repair and renovation of old prison buildings, medical facilities, development of borstal schools, facilities to women offenders, vocational training, modernisation of prison industries and training to prison personnel etc. and for construction of High Security Enclosures in ten selected States from 1987 to March, 2001.

Before releasing the funds, status of utilization of funds released during the previous years is insisted upon. Although much more needs to be done to make the prisons correctional homes in the true sense, interaction with State Governments indicate that the Central assistance has proved very useful in improving the condition of prisons and prisoners.